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Shooting Investigation-Update

The Royal Oak Police Department has made an arrest in connection with the shooting at Hookah Joes in Royal Oak. This investigation is ongoing and no further information will be released at this time.

Police Chief Corrigan O'Donohue, "The Royal Oak detectives have literally been working around the clock to identify the suspect and bring him into custody. In addition, we were assisted by Troy Special Investigations Unit, the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force, and the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team. I have to commend the excellent investigative work amongst everyone involved in this case."

Shooting Investigation

The Royal Oak Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred at Hookah Joes, 734 S. Washington, in the early morning hours of March 20, 2016. The shooting was preceded by a verbal altercation within the lounge. The initial investigation has determined the suspects fired one round at an individual outside the lounge on Washington Street. The suspects then pulled their vehicle in front of the Hookah Joe's and fired three to four more rounds into the lounge. One employee was struck by a passing round and suffered a minor head injury.

This incident began on the second floor of the establishment, at approximately 3:30am between the two suspects involved in the shooting and another patron. During the altercation one of the suspects brandished a handgun and the second suspect motioned as if he had a handgun in his waistband.

The suspects were escorted out of the business by security and were confronted by the other patron as they were walking to their vehicle which was parked on S. Washington, north of Hookah Joes. One of the suspects fired a single round at the victim before getting into a vehicle. As the patron was reentering the front of the business, the suspects pulled up in front of Hookah Joe's and fired three or four more rounds directly into the lounge. The individual who was shot was not involved in the altercation. There were numerous customers still inside the location when the shooting occurred. No other injuries were reported.

Witnesses reported the suspects fled the area in a silver or gray vehicle, likely a Dodge Charger, with chrome rims, tinted windows and a dent on the passenger side door.

Suspect #1 is described as a 6' to 6'-3", dark skinned black male, with a thin build.
Suspect #2 is described as a 6', light skin black male, with a medium build and long hair pulled into a pony tail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact Royal Oak Police (248) 246-3500.